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### HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee met in closed session to discuss transforming the health care delivery system, focusing on proposals to improve patient care and reduce health care costs.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, who was introduced by Representatives Royce and Payne, and Luis C. de Baca, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, who was introduced by Senator Harkin and Representative Conyers, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### SWINE FLU

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine swine flu, focusing on coordinating the federal response, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; and Anne Schuchat, Acting Deputy Director for Science and Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Assistant Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

### INFORMED FINANCIAL DECISIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the federal government's role in empowering Americans to make informed financial decisions, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Director, Office of Personnel Management; James H. Shelton III, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education; Arthur J. Meyers, Acting Deputy Secretary for Military Community and Family Policy, Department of Defense; Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Richard J. Hillman, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Robert F. Duvall, Council for Economic Education, New York, New York; and Dallas L. Salisbury, Employee Benefit Research Institute, Washington, D.C.

### SWINE FLU EPIDEMIC

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the swine flu epidemic, focusing on the public health and medical response, after receiving testimony from Richard E. Besser, Acting Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Russlynn Ali, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Carmel Martin, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Charles P. Rose, of Illinois, to be General Counsel, Peter Cunningham, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, and Gabriella Cecilia Gomez, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, all of the Department of Education, Brian Kennedy, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and T. Michael Kerr, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, both of the Department of Labor, and Thomasina Rogers, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

### CRACK-POWDER COCAINE FEDERAL SENTENCING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine restoring fairness to federal sentencing, focusing on addressing the crack-powder disparity, after receiving testimony from Lanny Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Judge Reggie B. Walton, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; Ricardo H. Hinojosa, Acting Chair, United States Sentencing Commission; Asa Hutchinson, former Administrator of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Rogers, Arkansas; John F. Timoney, Chief of Police, City of Miami Police Department, Miami, Florida; and Cedric Parker, Alton, Illinois.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Andre M. Davis, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Mikulski and former Senator Sarbanes, David